in the area of nano-technology through DST *via* joint projects mode. Many other countries have also shown interest for cooperation in this area. International cooperation is being implemented in the bilateral mode on mutual benefits basis. A number of joint workshops have also been organized for identifying the areas of potential cooperation in this area.

Applications for patents at international level

†1385. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is one of those countries of the world who submit applications for patent at international level;

(b) if so, the names of those 15 countries who submit maximum applications for patent yearly on average;

(c) whether India is also one of these 15 countries; and

(d) if so, the position of India among these countries?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian companies, research institutions and universities have been filing patent applications in other countries, including applications through the route of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

(b) As per World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) data, the first 15 countries who have filed maximum PCT applications are — United States of America (USA), Japan, Germany, Republic of Korea, France, United Kingdom, China, Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, Canada, Australia, Finland and Israel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Foreign scientific publications to set up Indian editions

1386. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's policy to encourage foreign scientific publications and periodicals to set up Indian editions;

(b) how many such foreign publications have started Indian editions, give discipline-wise details; and

(c) whether Indian scientists and professionals are represented on the editorial boards of Indian editions of such foreign periodicals?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.